

REMARKS:

The Preliminary amendment filed on February 13, 2002 canceled claims 55 and 75, amended claims 16, 17, 25, 31, 32, 43, 44, 52, 64, 65, and 73, and added new claims 76-78. Since that amendment was apparently not entered, the preliminary amendment of the uncanceled ones of claims 16, 17, 25, 31, 32, 43, 44, 52, 64, 65, and 73, and addition of claims 76-78 is repeated in the present response to office action. New claims 79-81 added hereby are similar to claims 79-81 set forth in the Preliminary amendment.

Applicants request entry of the amendments to the specification and abstract set forth in the Preliminary amendment, if these amendments have not already been entered. Applicants request approval of the proposed amendment to the drawings set forth in the Preliminary amendment, if it has not already been approved.

Claims 28-32 have been allowed as originally filed. The Office Action also indicates that claims 2-14, 21, 25-27, 34-44, 48, 52-53, 56-63, 69, and 73-74 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The uncanceled ones of these claims as amended, and new claims 76-81, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In response to the objection to claims 56-63, claim 56 is amended to place it in independent form and provide antecedent basis for all recited elements.

Claims 1-54 and 56-74 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims of pending Application No. 10/095,422. In response to the provisional rejection of the uncanceled ones of these claims, a terminal disclaimer is being filed herewith. The terminal disclaimer is believed to overcome the double patenting rejection.

Claims 1, 33, and 54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,625,644 ("Myers") and claims 15-20, 22-24, 45-47, 49-51, 64-68, and 70-72 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Myers. In response, these claims are canceled.

Respectfully submitted,

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